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Federal Communications Commission  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
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RE: Petition for Rulemaking

To whom it may concern,

I would like to propose a rule change to the Amateur Radio, Sequential Call Sign and Vanity Call Sign Systems as defined in Title 47 CFR Part 97.

BACKGROUND:

Many Amateur Extra Class licensees want short, callsigns. Currently there are only 1x2 and 2x1 call signs available such as K1TA and WW1J. These 1x2 and 2x1 call signs are very sought after, but the number of these call signs available is very limited. Therefore there is a need to expand the available 4 digit call signs in the United States.

PROPOSAL:

I would like to propose that the **“Group A – Amateur Extra Class” Sequential and Vanity call signs groups** include a new list of 1xx1 call signs. The new 1xx1 call signs would begin with “K, N or W” followed by **two numbers** and ending with one letter “A-Z”, for example K41A, W13B and N88C. This pattern is modeled after other countries such as Slovenia and San Marino. Since the district numbers (0-9) in the Amateur Radio Service are no longer adhered to the two digits have no significance. Adding these “1xx1” call signs would add a pool of 7800 additional, available, short call signs for Extra Class licensees.

Sincerely submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Alessi', with a stylized, cursive script.

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